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10 OCTOBER 2021

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THIS WEEK

Weekday Masses Live Streamed Parish YouTube Channel

MONDAY 11 OCT / Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32

- 5 PM - Stephen Minister Meeting, Conference Room
- 7 PM - Point Catholic Community Bible Study, Spirit Hall

TUESDAY 12 OCT / Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41

- **8:15 AM - Public MASS** (+Gen Bernas) FDL
- 2 PM - Staff Meeting/Prayer, Conference Room
- 3 PM - Point Catholic Rosary, Ministry Center
- 4 PM - Salvation Army Meal Ministry
- 6 PM - Alpha, Spirit Hall

WEDNESDAY 13 OCT / Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

- **8:15 AM-Public MASS** (+Harold Pleet) FTM
- 3:30 PM - Endowment Board Meeting, Conference Room
- 5 PM - Point Catholic Student Super, Spirit Hall
- 6 PM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library
- 6:30 PM - Faith Formation Gr. 7-8, Kostka Hall
- 8 PM - Point Catholic Late Night Mass (+Conrad Domaszek) FSB

THURSDAY 14 OCT / Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-6/Lk 11:47-54

- **8:15 AM - Public MASS** (+Louis Rucinski) FSB
- 9 AM-3:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration -3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 1 PM - Building & Grounds Committee Mtg., Conference Room
- 6 PM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library
- 6:30 PM - Laudato Si Presentation, Zoom

FRIDAY 15 OCT / Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

- **8:15 AM- Public MASS** (+Basil & Bernice Polasek) FSB
- 9:15 AM - Alpha, Spirit Hall
- 6 PM - Point Catholic Pumpkin Carving

SATURDAY 16 OCT / Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

- 9-10 AM - Reconciliation, Ministry Center Library

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 16/17 OCT

Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

- **5 PM - Public MASS** (+Marge Ostrowski) FBD
- **8 AM - Public/Live Stream MASS** (+Roger Patoka) FBD
- **10:30 AM -Public MASS** (+Mary Jane Messersmith) FBD
- **6 PM - Public MASS** (the people of Holy Spirit Parish) FSB

Mass President Key

FSB: Fr. Steve Brice

FTM: Fr. Todd Mlsna

FDL: Fr. Dennis Lynch

FPS: Fr. Placid Stroik

FDP: Fr. Don Przybylski

Caring for Our Common Home

We are excited to announce that Fr. Dennis Lynch will be giving a presentation for our parishioners entitled "Caring for Our Common Home: Reflections on Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si." Mark your calendars for October 14th at 6:30pm! The program will be offered over Zoom—email Susan Zach at zachfam@wi-net.com to get the Zoom link.



Point Catholic Leaf Raking

Point Catholic students want to give back to you! Holy Spirit parishioners have been generous and supportive of Campus Ministry. Now is our time to return that hospitality and outpouring of love through service. On **Saturday October 16th**, Point Catholic would love to rake your yard! If you or a family member are in need of your yard being raked this year, please let us know! Students will come with supplies, smiles and a treat to show our appreciation for you! Email Emily our Student Social Justice Coordinator at estan510@uwsp.edu or call the parish office to let us know you are interested by sharing with us your name, address and phone number.

Next Weekend: FOCUS Q&A

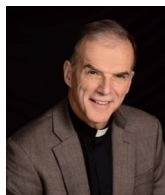
Fr Billy Dodge, the pastor at the Roncalli Newman Center in La Crosse, will be joining us at the weekend Masses Oct 16/17. He will be sharing information about the national organization FOCUS and how it has impacted his campus, students & parish. There will be the opportunity for a Q&A session after each of the Masses for all to participate in.

We are looking forward to the potential of having FOCUS missionaries on our own campus in the future and hope you will share in this informational presentation and get answers to any questions you may have!

Dear Holy Spirit Parish:

“Who can be saved?...For human beings it is impossible,
but not for God.”

(Mark 10:26-27)



Pelagianism. Everyone who has been reading Fr Mallon's book Divine Renovation is now familiar with this word. After the persecutions stopped in 313 AD, people started going out into the desert as a way to respond to Jesus' invitation to leave everything and follow him. People being people, even out there, competition set in over who was doing it best. A subtle heresy crept in: If I do enough, I will earn my way to heaven. Jesus tells his disciples straight out: It is impossible for you to save yourself. Only God can.

Next weekend Fr. Billy Dodge, the pastor of the Newman Center in La Crosse, will be preaching at all our Masses. We have asked him to come with some of his students to share their experience of FOCUS (the Fellowship of Catholic University Students.). At the August meeting of the Pastoral Council our Campus Ministry Committee received approval to study the feasibility of adding a team of FOCUS missionaries to our Point Catholic Ministries. The determination of whether it is feasible or not depends on three things: Does their spirituality align with Holy Spirit Parish's? How will we fund this ministry? Do we have the other resources needed to support this ministry?

I do not include in our list of concerns the organization's effectiveness. FOCUS' effectiveness is well established. It has spread from one campus in 1998 to 187 campus in 2020 and from a handful of college students to nearly 800 student Missionaries. Some do, however, question the more traditional spirituality they practice. Please come next Sunday to hear Fr. Dodge address this question and to meet some of the students who are involved. As you listen keep in mind: Pelagianism. In a world where students are under tremendous pressures to perform and to succeed, the old traditional religion of grace is very appealing. We don't have to do good things to earn God's love. It's because we are already loved by God that we are free to do our very best.

We will know much more about the second question—funding—by Tuesday of this week. Fr. Billy Dodge will be presenting a proposal to the executive committee of St. Ambrose Financial Services that they fund FOCUS missionaries for all four parishes with Campus Ministries in the Diocese. St. Ambrose is an independent financial corporation created by the Diocese of La Crosse to provide banking services to the parishes of the Diocese. Perhaps you remember that St. Ambrose contributed \$3 million to the campaign to repair the Cathedral. The executive committee will decide if our request meets their criterion of using investment income on the savings deposited by parishes only on projects that benefit all parishes. If the executive committee decides it does meet their criterion, our proposal will go to the full St. Ambrose Board meeting later in October. We of course feel that since we are ministering to young adults from all over the diocese and who return to locations all over the Diocese, we meet their criterion. We will know soon if they agree.

That leaves the third concern, are we ready to have 300 students involved, like they have in La Crosse? Space is the first issue that comes to my mind. The rectory would be a very important resource in terms of housing bible studies and other small group activities. FOCUS leadership tells us that their missionaries often live in abandoned rectories in the parishes they serve. We are having the electrical service and plumbing evaluated. The renovation of Kostka Hall also takes on new importance.

As excited as I am by all that seems to be coming together here, I try to remember: It is impossible for us to make this happen. God, it's up to you.

Fr. Steven J. Brice

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Matthew 25 Collection



Parishioners are invited to donate items needed for area charitable organizations at the beginning of each month. Our October Matthew 25 recipient is Operation Bootstrap. They would be grateful to receive rice mixes, *Hamburger Helper*, meals in a can, taco mix, oatmeal, *Nutribars*, peanut butter, jam, baking needs. Items can be dropped at the Ministry Center anytime before Monday, October 11th.

Men of the Cross Conference 2021

This year's conference: "Walking with St. Joseph" will be held Saturday, October 23rd at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. This year's guest speakers include our Bishop William Callahan; Jon Leonetti, a nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host who conveys a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ and Msgr. Joseph Hirsch, a priest of our Diocese who has a passion for working as a missionary. Cost: \$40 per person, day of conference \$45. High School and College Age Men may attend for no cost—though spots are limited. For more information, or to register, go to www.menofthecross.org or contact the Diocese at 608-791-2673.

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PARTICIPATION AT MASS

October 2/3, 2021

5pm — 159 8am — 128

10:30am — 155 6pm — 66

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Total.....\$12,953

Elsewhere

CEMETERY FALL CLEANUP: The Stevens Point Area Catholic Cemetery Association will be doing the Fall cleanout of the cemeteries on Monday October 18, 2021. The cemetery staff will be removing all decorations in preparation of winter. Please remove any decorations you wish to save prior to the 18th. The Cemetery Association is not responsible for decorations removed and discarded. Thank you for cooperation with this matter. Parishioners interested in purchasing burial lots should contact the cemetery office at 715-341-3236 and schedule an appointment.

PORKIE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Bevent Lions will hold this event on Sunday, Oct. 17th at St. Ladislaus. Potato & regular pancakes, sausage links & patties, applesauce, assorted cheese, syrup, beverages and desserts. Carry Outs. Age 12 and older \$8, 6-12 \$4, under 6 eat free. Mini & large raffle too!

ST. JOHN PAUL II YOUNG ADULT GROUP: All young adults (18-39) are welcome to join us the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month starting at 7pm starting October 17th in the Joseph Room at St. Bron's for night of faith and fellowship.


We'll be going through The Bible and the Virgin Mary from the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. This video series is based on Scott Hahn's Hail Holy Queen. A fantastic study that will answer all of our questions on the Catholic teaching of Mary. Questions? Please email jp2portage-county@gmail.com.

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